

**MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF SANTA FE  
PUBLIC WORKS/CIP & LAND USE COMMITTEE  
Monday, August 11, 2003**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

A meeting of the Public Works/CIP & Land Use Committee was called to order by Chair Heldmeyer at 5:15 p.m., on Monday, August 11, 2003, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

1. **ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councilor Karen Heldmeyer, Chair  
Councilor David Coss  
Councilor David Pfeffer

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

Councilor Patti J. Bushee  
Councilor Miguel M. Chavez

**OTHERS ATTENDING:**

Mike Lujan, Director of Public Works  
Therese Prada, Public Works  
Rick Carlisle, City of Santa Fe  
Jim Montman, Airport Manager  
Dan Ransom, Water Conservation Specialist  
Tom Williams, Transportation Director  
Robert Romero, City Engineer  
Melessia Helberg, Stenographer

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Lujan made the following corrections on Agenda Item 10: "...of FY ~~2004~~ 2003..." and "...~~\$671,923~~ \$671,923..."

MOTION: It was moved by Councilor Coss, seconded by Councilor Pfeffer, that the Agenda as amended be approved.

VOTE: There being no dissenting or abstaining votes, the motion carried unanimously.

1. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

**CONSENT AGENDA**

8. **CIP PROJECT #859A – CERRILLOS ROAD PEDESTRIAN STUDY  
CIP PROJECT #810A – CERRILLOS ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**  
A. **REQUEST APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT #3 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
AGREEMENT WITH PARSONS, BRINCKERHOFF, QUADE, AND DOUGLAS, INC.,  
FOR \$55,685.83**

**B. REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE EXPENDITURE OF \$66,685.83 FROM  
BUSINESS UNIT REVENUE NUMBER 32798.572960. (ROBERT ROMERO)**

8. *[Removed for discussion by Councilor Heldmeyer.]*

**8. REQUEST APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PORTION OF FY-~~2004~~ 2003 FEDERAL  
AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT ENTITLEMENT FUNDS FOR AIRPORT  
PROJECTS**

**A. APPLICATION FOR \$671,923 FOR PROJECTS CONSISTING OF:**

- i. AOA SECURITY FENCING**
- ii. TAXIWAY REPAIRS**
- iii. SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT**
- iv. RUNWAY END IDENTIFIER LIGHTS (REIL)**

**(JIM MONTMAN)**

**11. REQUEST APPROVAL OF SANTA FE TRAIL'S FY 2004 MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT  
WITH THE NEW MEXICO STATE HIGHWAY & TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT FOR A  
FEDERAL GRANT USED TO FUND THE ONGOING ACTIVITIES OF THE RIDEFINDERS  
PROGRAM. (SANDRA SANCHEZ)**

All packet material for items on the Consent Agenda, are incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit  
“1.”

MOTION: It was moved by Councilor Pfeffer, seconded by Councilor Coss, that the Consent Agenda as amended  
be approved.

VOTE: There being no dissenting or abstaining votes, the motion carried unanimously.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, JULY 28, 2003, PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Councilor Coss did not attend the meeting of July 28, 2003, and therefore could not vote on approval of  
those minutes. Therefore, Chair Heldmeyer said these minutes would be approved at the August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting since  
tonight there is not a voting quorum on this agenda item.

**INFORMATIONAL AGENDA**

**6. STATUS ON HIGH-SPEED INTERNET ACCESS IN SANTA FE CITY LIMITS (RICK  
CARLISLE)**

There were no items in the Committee packet for this agenda item.

Mr. Carlisle said there is plenty of fiber in the City, but it is not available for high-speed Internet access,  
which is the problem. The City is relegated to DSL out of Qwest which is limited and available out of both main  
switching stations – one on Sawmill and one downtown. However, the maximum distance is 18,000 ft. or about 3  
miles, and the quality declines the further away you get from them as far as band width. Comcast has substantial  
fiber in the City, but that is only available to their existing subscribers. These are the only two options to the City  
right now.

Mr. Carlisle said the City project in partnership with PNM will go a long way to take care of the problem.

He said Comcast and Qwest are losing customers to satellite although it is not two-way. The joint PNM project will bring fiber from the Santa Fe Police Department Headquarters to City Hall and the length of St. Francis Drive within twelve months. There will be conduit in the ground with four sleeves available – two sleeves will be occupied by state and City government and PNM. The other two sleeves will be available to RFP to the private sector which in turn will make the access available to the business community. That is part of the InfoMesa Project. The major cost of laying fiber is the dirt work.

Mr. Carlisle said there are several cities in northern New Mexico waiting to see what happens here before they do anything. Chair Heldmeyer commented that there are other smaller cities which are ahead of Santa Fe.

Mr. Carlisle said there are 3<sup>rd</sup> parties which are coming in like MFG and McCloud. Under the Telecommunications Act, Qwest has to make their facilities available to them and they can provide the same services. He doesn't see this having a big impact on the residential community, although the business community might take advantage.

Chair Heldmeyer said the reason this is on the agenda is in response to calls to Councilors from people looking for places to locate that have high speed Internet access. She asked if there are business people looking for locations and want to know if there is high speed Internet access, who can they contact in this regard. Mr. Carlisle said they can contact him, saying he gets calls like this all the time. He has been able to assist with wireless connections which is another option.

Chair Heldmeyer asked Mr. Carlisle if there are things the Governing Body can do to facilitate moving this forward, besides providing for the conduit. Mr. Carlisle said resolutions always get "the ball rolling," and the InfoMesa Project is part of the IT plan, and support for that would be a great help. The resolution was passed by Public Works, Public Utilities and ITAC, and it still needs to go to Finance although there is no budget impact.

Chair Heldmeyer asked Mr. Lujan to bring this to the City Manager's attention as something that needs to be facilitated.

Councilor Coss said he is interested in the joint project with PNM. He asked once the fiber is in the ground who does it belong to. Mr. Carlisle said it will be City-owned conduit and in the City's right-of-way. Councilor Coss asked if this is related to Project Power. Mr. Carlisle said it is not connected in any way to that project.

## **6. TOILET INSPECTIONS AND COMPLIANCE. (DAN RANSOM)**

Memorandum dated August 5, 2003, to the Public Works Committee, from Daniel Ransom, Water Conservation Specialist, is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "2."

Mr. Ransom said as of July 30, 2003, approximately 636 commercial accounts have been inspected, and of those 545 are in compliance and 91 are non-compliant. Citations have been issued to 136 businesses, and 45 of those have not been retrofitted. He said the Water Conservation Office has had two full time inspectors in the field checking commercial businesses for compliance, and it is anticipated that 1/3 of the 3,200 businesses will be inspected by the end of the month. Responding to Councilor Pfeffer, Mr. Ransom said that is about 84% compliance.

Councilor Pfeffer said then the 91 non-compliant businesses have been notified and cited. Mr. Ransom said that is correct and there has been good cooperation with those businesses in getting retrofitted after being cited.

Councilor Coss congratulated Mr. Ransom and staff for this effort. He asked if the largest users have been

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inspected. Mr. Ransom said this is correct and some of those had hundreds of toilets, such as the large hotels and strip malls. They have not yet begun to inspect the apartment complexes.

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION**

9. **REQUEST APPROVAL OF TWO APPLICATIONS FOR STATE GRANT FUNDS FOR AIRPORT PROJECTS.**
- A. **APPLICATION FOR \$42,250 FOR PROJECTS CONSISTING OF:**
- i. **A PART 150 NOISE STUDY;**
  - ii. **CRACK SEAL, SURFACE SEAL, AND SPOT REPAIRS ON TAXIWAYS C, A, B, AND F;**
  - iii. **INSTALLATION OF RUNWAY END IDENTIFIER LIGHTS (REIL);**
  - iv. **LAND ACQUISITION FOR RUNWAY 15-33 SAFETY AREA;**
  - v. **TAXI LANE CONSTRUCTION.**
- B. **APPLICATION FOR \$7,750 FOR PURCHASE OF SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT**  
**(JIM MONTMAN)**

Memorandum dated July 30, 2003, to the Public Works Committee, from Jim Montman, Airport Manager, is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "3."

Chair Heldmeyer asked, with regard to the Part 150 Noise Study, if the City can do that study independently of doing other studies, and this has no implications for anything but noise. Mr. Montman said this is correct. The only reason we are going forward with this is that this is one of the things we promised we would do as part of the master plan study.

MOTION: It was moved by Chair Heldmeyer, seconded by Councilor Coss, that the request be approved.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Coss said the Noise Study is needed to do anything under FAA regulations to mitigate or manage noise. Mr. Montman said the City could fund whatever it wants to fund in this regard. However, to get federal assistance a Part 150 Study must be done to qualify for the assistance to go further into the 161 Study which could lead to possible restrictions. This is a step along the way.

VOTE: There being no dissenting or abstaining votes, the motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION AGENDA**

12. **REQUEST APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO JOIN AND ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE FORMATION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT WHICH WILL WORK TO DEVELOP A SUSTAINABLE, LONG TERM REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM FOR THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CENTRAL NEW MEXICO AND ASSIGNING APPROPRIATE STAFF TO ASSIST IN THE FORMATION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT AND ITS CERTIFICATION BY THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO AS A LEGALLY FORMED TRANSIT DISTRICT AS SET FORTH IN THE REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT ACT 2003 NM, LAWS CHAPTER 65. (COUNCILOR**

**CHAVEZ, COUNCILOR LOPEZ) (TOM WILLIAMS)**

Proposed Resolution, with attachments, is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "4."

Mr. Williams made a power point presentation. The text of the presentation is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "4(A)." Please see Exhibit "4(A)" for specifics of this presentation.

Mr. Williams said a group of people from Albuquerque, the Santa Fe region, Silver City and other places in New Mexico, worked together and were successful in getting a bill with regard to regional transportation passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor.

He said there is a group called the Transportation Task Force which is composed of hundreds of members from across north central New Mexico. The Park & Ride Program was of long standing interest to this group. He said the Park & Ride Program is currently funded with Federal Highway monies and that contracts terminates in December 2004. The State is interesting in transferring the operation of the Park & Ride to a Regional Transit District. He said this is an optimistic goal, but we are aiming toward that effort.

Mr. Williams said it is hoped to get the Regional program operational in April 2005, and then negotiate with the State Department of Transportation to take over the Park & Ride Program after becoming a legal entity, hopefully by July 2004. The bill which allows the creation of RTD's is the first new level of government in New Mexico in about 50 years, and Santa Fe is the "guinea pig" for this project. If successful, our program will be the template for other Transit Districts around the State.

Chair Heldmeyer asked what happens to Park & Ride between December 2004 and April 2005. Mr. Williams said the State is holding a meeting next week to discuss this issue, noting that no one wants this program to die. The State will be asking the local communities what kinds of resources they might have available for Park & Ride. The next step is to go to the Governor and ask for additional funds to keep the program going.

Chair Heldmeyer asked if the program wasn't subsidized what would be the cost to the riders. Mr. Williams estimated between \$5 and \$10 each way per person.

Councilor Coss said he would like to co-sponsor the Resolution. He believes we need a regional transit system. He asked if Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties are doing anything in this regard. Mr. Williams said he doesn't know a lot about what is going on there, although there are discussions about establishing a RTD, and Albuquerque is looking to use its own financial resources to do this. He hasn't discussed the details with them. He said the state people have advised that Santa Fe is far ahead of Albuquerque at the present time.

Councilor Coss asked if the RTD would have the taxing authority to raise the matching funds. Mr. Williams said currently there is no taxing authority for the RTD, and if we proceed it would mean that the member communities would be supporting the RTD operations through matching of the federal funds. There are a number of efforts in this regard. He said Mr. Jack Valencia of the Passenger Transportation Association has been doing some work on legislation for both the special session and the regular session in January. The City has been asked to comment on the changes we would like to see in the bill, and come back with proposals for both state and regional taxation, and a state transit fund that would be available for capital and operation, and formulas for how the money would be spent.

Jack Valencia, Executive Director of the New Mexico Passenger Transportation Association, said with regard to the RTD and the available taxation, the Association is working to bring that language into SB 34 which was passed in the past session, in order to provide some revenue to the entities as they began to assemble. He testified today at the Blue Ribbon Tax Committee on the establishment of the state-wide transit fund, and will be communicating with all the City Councils in New Mexico to get their support and in trying to acquire different sources of revenue so the transit fund can be established and making funds available to municipalities to offset capital and operating expenses.

Councilor Coss said funding of the project will make it possible or impossible for the City to pursue this project. He doesn't know how Santa Fe could come up with any additional funds, commenting that there is a \$200 million water CIP, for example. He believes the other communities in the area are in the same funding situation as Santa Fe.

Mr. Valencia said there is now a different philosophy with regard to public transportation – from roads to modes. He believes that the enthusiastic support of the Governor, the DOT and the Legislature will result in some sort of funding and in the success of this project.

Councilor Coss asked if other governments in the region are spending local government money on public transportation other than Santa Fe. Mr. Williams said Los Alamos County and the City of Española are using public funds for local transit services, but these are not well coordinated and connected in a way which enhances the Park & Ride service. Part of this effort will be to upgrade those services as an attractive part of the Park & Ride program.

Councilor Coss supports the concept, but it makes him nervous to look at a Regional Transit Authority package with no source of funding but Santa Fe's.

Mr. Williams said he isn't looking to add to the financial burden of the City, but to bring new resources into the City for this purpose. A substantial, ongoing source of funds is essential to make this happen.

Councilor Pfeffer agrees with Councilor Coss, saying, "If there were money in this, Greyhound would be doing it." It does need a subsidized system and the question is who is doing the subsidizing unless there is a taxing authority.

Mr. Williams said Greyhound would do it if they were paid to do it, and could make money that way. However, these are all subsidized services and commuter runs are considered to be public transportation. There are many private operators who are paid to provide the service and do make money.

Chair Heldmeyer said there are other ongoing transportation entities throughout the state, including the MPO, the DOT, etc. She hopes this isn't just setting up another level of bureaucracy, or a level that competes with the City for the federal subsidies that we try to get for our City lines. She said it doesn't strike her as being good for the City of Santa Fe to divide the same size pie into smaller pieces. The Park & Rides have been successful and are needed, but she doesn't want the City to give up its gains for local transit to subsidize regional transit – either directly or as co-competitors for the same piece of money.

Mr. Williams said many of the members of the Committee are the transit providers themselves, including he and Mr. Bulthuis. We all understand the federal pot is limited and why we are pushing so hard for State funding. He said New Mexico is one only of 3-4 states which provides absolutely no money to public transit.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilor Coss, seconded by Councilor Pfeffer, that the Resolution be approved.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Pfeffer would also like to be a sponsor of this Resolution.

VOTE: There being no dissenting or abstaining votes, the motion carried unanimously.

Chair Heldmeyer said the Resolution goes next to the Finance Committee. Mr. Williams said he understood Councilor Chavez only referred the Resolution to Public Works, and he understands this will be heard by the Council on Wednesday.

Councilor Coss said he won't propose any amendments until he speaks with Councilor Chavez. However, he wants to insert language that funding is needed for this effort and the City can't actively participate in a RTD unless we know the source of the funding.

12.      **MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

Chair Heldmeyer said the CIP budget is not on this evening's agenda and it may be on the agenda in the near future, as soon as two weeks from now or it may be longer than that. She suggested individuals contact staff to find out when it will be heard finally by this Committee. It is on the Finance Committee Agenda on Monday, but it may or may not be discussed at that time.

12.      **NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2003**

Chair Heldmeyer said the next meeting will be Tuesday, August 26, 2003, and the next Council meeting will be on Monday August 25, 2003, because of the Municipal League meeting.

Councilor Pfeffer said August 26<sup>th</sup> will conflict with a meeting of the Extra Territorial Zoning Authority and he won't be able to attend.

12.      **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, and the Committee having completed its agenda, it was moved by Councilor Pfeffer, seconded by Councilor Coss, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

**Karen Heldmeyer, Chair**

**Melessia Helberg, Stenographer**